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By ECF

The Honorable Frederic Block  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: United States v. Rafael Caro Quintero  
Criminal Case No. 15-208 (S-3) (FB)

Dear Judge Block:

The government respectfully submits this letter to inform the Court and the defense that the Attorney General has authorized and directed this Office not to seek the death penalty against the defendant Rafael Caro Quintero.

Respectfully submitted,

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